



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

### School Uniform

John Bunyan Primary School and Nursery has a lovely school uniform. It adds a sense of belonging in our school and all children are encouraged to wear it with pride.

- Black/grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
- White blouse/shirt/polo-shirt
- Green school sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece  
These can be purchased online or from local outlets
- Black shoes
- In summer, grey shorts or gingham dresses are optional

### **PE KIT:**

(parental responsibility is to ensure pupils have their named PE kit in school Monday-Friday every week)

- Green or black shorts
- White T shirt
- Black plimsoles
- Light training shoes can be used for outdoor work

Uniform items with the school logo are available from [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

Book bags and PE bags are available to buy at the school office for £3.00 each

### Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Space dome for Year 5
- Boydells Farm trip for Reception Year
- Braintree Museum trip for Year 2

**Please remember to check your ParentPay items regularly to see if you need to add consent to any items. Thank you.**



### Year 6 Residential Trip

If your Year 6 child will be attending Kingswood for their residential trip in March, we must ask you for information of any medical or dietary requirements. Please see the item on ParentPay to update us with this information.

There will be a meeting for parents of those attending on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February straight after school, when further information and a kit list will be discussed.

### Termly Learning Conferences

TLCs will take place during the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February, as follows:

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 and Year 6
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Reception Year & Year 2
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 1 and Year 4

Letters will be sent out shortly for you to request an appointment with your child's class teacher.

There will be no clubs during TLC week (27<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March).

### School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Week 2

Week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Week 3  
Half Term Holiday

Week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Week 1

Copies of the school dinner menu are always available to view on our website

[www.johnbunyan.co.uk](http://www.johnbunyan.co.uk) and paper copies are available from the school office.

### Comic Relief



We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March with a non-uniform day. The children can come to school in their own clothes.

Donations to this charity can be made at

[www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

Please do not send cash donations into school.

### NSPCC Number Day

We will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. We will be doing lots of fun number activities and your child can join in and wear an item of clothing with a number on it. This can be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!

Please use this link to support the NSPCC services such as Speak Out Stay Safe and Childline.

[Donate to Charity Online](#) | [Give to NSPCC today](#)  
[| NSPCC](#)

### Year 1 trip to Hedingham Castle

Year 1 had a wonderful day of learning at Hedingham Castle last week.



The children had a fantastic time learning about how the castle was built and which materials were used. They enjoyed trying on the armour and understanding how heavy this was. The children were very well behaved, representing the school and our families impeccably.

### Soft archery tournament

Some Year 2 pupils attended a soft archery tournament at John Ray Infants School. The children had great fun trying a new sport.



### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

All Year 4 children will take a multiplication tables check in June. Please follow the link below for more information about this.

[information for parents leaflet](#)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Powell, Assistant Head of Middle School

### Attendance Matters

Attending school is essential for students to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better life chances.

Every student is expected by the **Government** to maintain at least 96.1% attendance.

Below are examples of how attendance impacts on learning over a year and five year period:

#### One year:

98% - approximately 4 days absent.

95% - approximately 10 days absent.

90% - approximately 4 weeks absent.

85% - approximately 5 ½ weeks absent.

**80% - approximately 7 ½ weeks absent**

#### Over a five year period:

85-90% is similar to half a year off school.

**80% is similar to having a whole year off school**

Please inform the school if your child will be absent or late for any reason (01376 321814).

### Holidays and absence in Term Time

It is the position of the Local Authority that pupils should not be granted leave of absence in term time unless for an **exceptional reason**. To comply with the attendance regulations parents **MUST** please complete an absence request form for any time that they are planning to take their child out of school, even if they know that it will be unauthorised. It is the directive of the Local Authority that if a parent decides to take their child out of school for **5 days or more** that they will incur a Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child. This money does not go to the school but to the Local Authority.

### Lateness

Since September, the number of late arrivals at school has been increasing. Obviously occasional late arrival at school can be unavoidable, however, when lateness is more frequent the children concerned may become anxious and miss valuable teaching times. Lateness also causes disruption to the class and therefore we are asking for your co-operation to ensure that your child/children attend punctually in the future.

Foundation Stage and Lower School (Years R, 1, 2): Gates open 8.45 a.m. and registration closes 8.55 a.m.

Middle and Upper School (Years 3, 4, 5, 6): Gates open 8.40 a.m. and registration closes 8.55 a.m.

**Children arriving after 8.55 a.m. are required to come into the school via the school office with a parent/carers who must sign them in.**

# Diary Dates

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Meeting after school for parents of Year 6 pupils who are attending residential trip  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term holiday  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Evergreen performance for Year 1 and Year 2  
Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Termly Learning Conference week. NO CLUBS THIS WEEK  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day (activities in school)  
7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 classes to Braintree Museum (further details to follow)  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Spacedome in school for Year 5  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Victorian Day in school for Year 2  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Living Eggs arrive in school  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 residential trip  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (non-uniform day for pupils)  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Last swimming for Chestnuts class  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Last after school clubs  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Year trip to Boydells Farm  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – last day of term, break up for the Easter holidays

## Term Dates for 2022-2023 Academic Year

**Spring Term:** **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

**Summer Term:** **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*  
**Non-Pupil Day: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
*Bank Holidays: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May*